

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Advisory Action dated December 8, 2003 and the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2003. Applicant respectfully traverses all objections, rejections, and assertions made by the Examiner. With this Amendment and Request for Continuing Examination, claims 23-36 are newly presented. It is respectfully submitted that these new claims further define over the previously cited references. Please cancel all previously pending claims 4-22 without prejudice. Claims 23-36 are now pending.

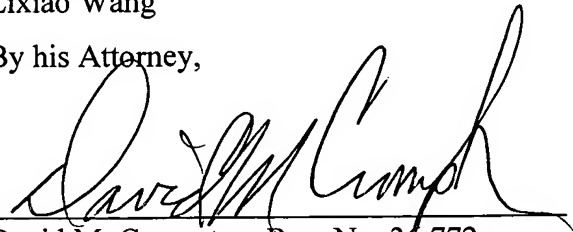
An Information Disclosure Statement was filed by Applicant on February 22, 2002, but Applicant has not received a corresponding checked-off and initialed Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt and a copy the Information Disclosure Statement including the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. Applicant hereby requests a copy of the checked-off and initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmittal Letter, Request for Corrected Filing Receipt with copy of Filing Receipt attached, Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and cited references

with respect to the following:

Applicant: Lixiao Wang

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